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~~21~~. The method according to claim ¹~~20~~, wherein the bulking agent used is a hexitol.

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~~22~~. The method according to claim ²~~21~~ wherein the hexitol is selected from the group consisting of mannitol, glucitol, sorbitol, D-sorbitol, dulcitol, allitol, iditol, urea or sodium chloride in an amount from 10 - 500 parts by weight per one part by weight Cetrorelix.

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23. The method according to claim 20, wherein 1 part by weight of cetrorelix acetate is dissolved in 100 - 1000 parts by weight of a 30% strength (w/w) acetic acid solution and diluted with water to 3% strength aqueous acetic acid, and the bulking agent is mannitol.--

REMARKS

With entry of this amendment, claims 12-23 are under examination. Newly added claims 20-23 are directed to a particularly preferred embodiment of the invention. No new matter has been added. Reconsideration is requested.

Claims 12-19 were rejected under 35 USC § 103 as being obvious over Callahan et al., Finkenaur, Reissman et al. and Moore, taken with Sauerbier et al. (newly cited). This rejection is traversed for the following reasons.

Callahan (US 4,908,475) teaches solubilization of a linear peptide in approximately 100-10,000 parts by weight of acetic acid followed by lyophilization. Then the crude peptide was purified by gel filtration in order to get the